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YOUR GIFT IS IMPORTANT!

- \$10 helps provide a pregnancy test.
- \$25 helps a birth mother or father obtain their GED.
- \$50 helps advertising with Yellow Pages and other media.
- \$100 helps with rent, utility bills, Birthright's 24-hour Hotline and other day-to-day expenses.
- My employer will match my gift. Matching gift form enclosed.

Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ to help Birthright provide positive and loving alternatives to abortion.

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I would like more information on volunteering at Birthright of Columbia.

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A Smile Goes a Long Way

By Kelli Brown

After working at Birthright for over thirty-five years, Hank Chardos is used to receiving phone calls from past clients, thanking him for the kind words and resources he or other volunteers have provided. But this phone call was different. After playing phone tag for months, Hank was finally connected with Smifeccia "Smiley" Tynes, a friendly woman who asked Hank, "Do you remember me?" Smiley had an abundance of great news for Hank. Not only is she now working at God's Storehouse and hoping to provide assistance to Birthright clients, but the pregnancy that had led her to Birthright so many years ago resulted in a 21 year old student graduating with a Pre-Med degree from Duke University.



Photo: Brendane Tynes at Duke University.

When Smiley walked into the Birthright office at 20 years old, she felt confident that she was pregnant, and the thought terrified her. Like many Birthright clients, Smiley was single at the time, and this potential pregnancy plagued her with many questions: *Will my life ever be the same? How will I do this alone? Can anyone help me? Am I ready to be a mom?* Even after twenty-one years, Smiley still remembers Hank's message. She said, "I just remember telling Hank about my situation, and he smiled and said, 'It's okay. God's got you.'" She walked out of the Birthright office that day with an overwhelming feeling of hope, knowing that the life growing inside of her couldn't be further from a mistake.

Smiley gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Brendane Tynes, who excelled in school, was accepted to Duke University, and is graduating this spring with honors and a double major in Pre-Med and Cultural Anthropology with a minor in Spanish. But the success stories don't stop there. Smiley is now the Operations Manager at God's Storehouse, a resource that supplies free food, clothing, and household supplies to those in a crisis, helping an average of 25 families each day. Birthright could not be prouder of these inspiring women's lives.

Smiley's case is one that we see every day. Women everywhere, regardless of race, social standing, or relationship status, feel scared and sometimes alone when they suspect they are carrying an unplanned life. Birthright's one and only goal is to provide a friendly face to those who are unsure of their future, and to connect them with resources that will help them to carry out God's plan. We congratulate both Smiley and Brendane on their countless successes, and Birthright thanks you for your continued support of our mission.

Birthright of Columbia
35 Years
1980 - 2015

Dr. Herbert M. Black Memorial Award

Birthingright of Columbia established the Dr. Herbert M. Black Memorial Award to acknowledge groups and individuals who have supported Birthingright. The award was established in memory of Dr. Herbert M. Black, a long-time Columbia Obstetrician-Gynecologist, who provided aid beginning in 1980 for many of the pregnant girls and women who came to Birthingright. Dr. Black passed away in 1982.

The 2014 Dr. Herbert M. Black Memorial Award was presented to Susan and Dan Wallick. For years, Susan has knit precious baby booties. The baby booties represent the first gift to a client who receives a positive pregnancy test at Birthingright. The impact of the baby booties is life changing. Dan has served as a member of the Birthingright Board of Directors for five years. Dan's support and service as a Board Member was highlighted by his financial knowledge, as well as, his spirit and faith as a Board Member.



Susan and Dan live in Blythewood and have three sons. They are the 1998 founding members of Transfiguration Catholic Church. Dan is the Chief Investment Officer and Managing Partner of Wallick Investments, LLC. Susan is the Director of Communication and Marketing for Wallick Investments. Birthingright of Columbia has been blessed by their continued efforts and commitment to caring.

University of South Carolina Nurses Care

Each year University of South Carolina Nursing Students join with community partners to serve the community. As we were looking for a place to provide our service we came across Birthingright of Columbia. Birthingright intrigued us for many reasons, but the deciding factor was the amazing support services they offer to expectant women. We decided that Birthingright would be the perfect match especially since most of our group of students is interested in working in obstetrics. So begins the story of our time at Birthingright.



The first time we met Hank Chardos we were blown away by his wonderful hospitality and sweet spirit. Hank was very welcoming and patient while showing us the daily operations of Birthingright. We started our service by creating information packets for schools and churches, creating labels, and observing phone sessions with clients. As we became more comfortable, we were eager to expand our volunteering efforts by serving walk-in clients. (Approval was obtained from all Birthingright clients prior to a nursing student observing their sessions). Soon that day arrived and we were administering pregnancy tests and sitting in on sessions between a trained office volunteer and client. Being a part of the sessions was a major turning point for our group and gave us a new perspective on the clients who use these services. The clients were grateful for the resources that were given to them and having someone to talk to.

During our time at Birthingright we learned that everyone has a unique life story. This helped us as nurses to become better communicators and strengthened our interpersonal skills. Everyone should be treated with the upmost respect no matter the circumstance, which reinforced our ethical code as nurses.

To give back to the clients who use the services provided at Birthingright, we planned a baby shower. As a part of the baby shower we accepted donations from fellow USC students for items such as shower gel, onesies, wipes, and shampoo. All of these items are important for the care of the newborn. The clients who attended the baby shower were very grateful for the items and expressed the burden it took off of them. Our time at Birthingright was wonderful and filled with great experiences. We all became better nurses due to our experience at Birthingright. We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to Hank Chardos and the clients of Birthingright of Columbia.

USC Nursing Students,
Sierra, Brandon, Rachel, Kelsey, Anne, Sara, Molly

35th Celebration of Life Dinner 1980-2015

It was an evening to celebrate and give thanks.

Bishop Robert Guglielmone, with the Diocese of Charleston, offered Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church in downtown Columbia. Following the Saturday evening mass, approximately eighty individuals from around the United States enjoyed music and fine food catered by Villa Tronco in St. Peter's New Life Center.



WLTX-TV covered the celebration and aired the footage on the nightly news. Keynote speaker, Hank Chardos acknowledged the Birthingright Office Volunteers, the very "Life-Line" of Birthingright, offering care and compassion to those who contact



Birthingright for help. His concluding remarks were requests for prayers, acknowledging that Birthingright will continue to thrive with the grace of God.

Note: To view the news video, go to Birthingright of Columbia's website at BirthingrightOfColumbia.org and click on the "About" page.

Above photo: Bishop Robert Guglielmone spoke joyfully with the children present.

Left photo: Keynote speaker Hank Chardos.

Strategic Planning Committee

A Strategic Planning Committee has been formed to launch Birthingright into its next thirty-five years. The Committee's purpose is to establish goals and concepts for the future and after identifying them, plan for their completion. Three Office Volunteers, Kelli Brown, Robert Deuel and Linda Oliver, two Board Members, Jennifer Morris and Terry Williams, and Executive Director, Hank Chardos, comprise the Strategic Planning Committee.

Some discussion areas are the following: Birthingright clients, Office Volunteers, resources in the community, marketing, advertising and fundraising. Please pray for their efforts so Birthingright of Columbia can continue to improve its efforts.

Wish List

- ✓ Hand-made baby booties
- ✓ Onesies, gowns and sleepers
- ✓ Crib sheets and crib blankets
- ✓ Maternity tops, especially large sizes
- ✓ Baby wash, baby lotion, diaper ointment and Q-tips
- ✓ Disposable diapers and diaper-wipes
- ✓ Host a Baby Shower
- ✓ Invite a Birthingright Volunteer to make a presentation to your church, civic group or organization

Birthingright does not accept cribs, high chairs, playpens or any other type of furniture.

Board of Directors

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Office Volunteer Training

The Office Volunteer is the very "Life-Line" of Birthingright. After training, the Office Volunteer comes into the office three hours a week with another Office Volunteer. Office Volunteers provide one-on-one assistance to girls and women who are faced with an unplanned or problem pregnancy.

The four-part training session will begin on Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m. and will run three successive weeks at their office located at 1405 Gregg Street.

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